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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/5/03 and 1/12/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 05 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 0105
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 0105
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT /

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Hoelter on 1/12/05.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 3 lines 12, 15 and 20, change "SKUs" with -- stock keeping units--.

In the claim:

Claim 10 (currently amended) An electrical box for securing to a wall stud having a front face and a side face, the electrical box adaptable for ganging to an adjacent electrical box, the electrical box comprising:

a body member including: a pair of opposed side walls, a rear wall contiguously formed between the pair of opposed side walls, a pair of opposed nail guides affixed to the pair of opposed side walls; and a first side wall releasably secured to the body member and including: a first pair of opposed flanges extending away from the first side wall

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[body member] and beyond the plane of the first side wall; and a second side wall releasably secured to the body member; and such that the electrical box is secured to the front face of the wall stud via at least one of the first pair of opposed flanges when the first side walls abuts the side face of the wall stud and wherein the electrical box is secured to the side face of the wall stud via at least one of the pair of opposed nail guides when the second side wall abuts the side face of the wall stud.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The primary reasons for the indication of the allowability of claims 1-20 are the inclusion therein, in combination as currently claimed, of the limitation of the electrical box comprising: wherein the first and second detachably coupled portions are longitudinally disposed from the rear wall of the body member such that when the first and second detachably coupled portions are removed from the electrical box the first and second bounding edges of the first and second detachably coupled portions, respectively, remain secured to the body member (for claims 1-9), the electrical box comprising: a first pair of opposed flanges extending away from the first side wall and beyond the plane of the first side wall; and a second side wall releasably secured to the body member; and such that the electrical box is secured to the front face of the wall stud via at least one of the first pair of opposed flanges when the first side walls abuts

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the side face of the wall stud and wherein the electrical box is secured to the side face of the wall stud via at least one of the pair of opposed nail guides when the second side wall abuts the side face of the wall stud (for claims 10-15), and the electrical box comprising: a second pair of opposed retention members disposed on the second sidewall and having an inner longitudinal slot and an outer longitudinal slot adjacent to the inner longitudinal slot, the inner longitudinal slot adaptable for slidably receiving part of the body member of the electrical box therein when the second side wall is inserted into the body member of the electrical box and the outer longitudinal slot adaptable for slidably receiving part of the adjacent body member of the adjacent electrical box therein when the adjacent body member of the adjacent electrical box is inserted into the second side wall (for claims 16-20).

The previously listed limitations are neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Other prior art cited

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Roesch, Hyde, Doherty, Roesch, Webb, Vrame, Archer, Richardson, and Johnson disclose a box similar to applicant's claimed invention.

Contact information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dhiru Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-1983. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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